

In the Specification

Pleases amend paragraph 4 as indicated below.

¶4 While there may be advantages associated with the asserted capabilities of the separate, tandem chambers of the ~~'861~~ '681 patent in providing for simultaneously executing different processes in each chamber, it is a concern that there are many circumstances in which such capability is not necessary. That is, there are many instances in which it is advantageous, at least from a throughput standpoint, to perform the same process at both processing stations, without a need for providing the additional capability to practice different processes. It is a further concern that certain aspects of the configuration for the tandem chamber of the ~~'861~~ '681 patent such as, for example, its exhaust configuration, are quite complex. This exhaust system is seen in Figure 21 of the patent wherein a pair of individual exhaust conduits 621 merge into a common exhaust channel 619. It is considered that the use of this complex exhaust system adds considerable expense to the fabrication of the tandem chamber arrangement. Still further problems could be introduced if there is any tendency for contaminants to build up in exhaust channels 621, leading to different pressures in one chamber with respect to the other. Likewise, other features, which result in the capability to practice different processes, are considered to add expense to the cost of the system in order to achieve a level of region-to-region process isolation which may never be needed, in view of a particular end user's needs.